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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, MOPS, TH, US

SUBJECT: WEATHER SAFE HAVEN

REF: STATE 100771

1. PHYSICAL STATE OF UTAPAO SHOULD PRESENT NO PROBLEM FOR DAYLIGHT LANDING OF B-52 OR K-135 AIRCRAFT; HOWEVER, AIRFIELD FACILITIES NOT RPT NOT ADEQUATE FOR NIGHT LANDINGS. ALSO GROUND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT INCLUDING REFUELING HYDRANT SYSTEM NOT RPT NOT AVAILABLE.

2. POLITICALLY, WE BELIEVE THE RTG WOULD AGREE TO OUR USE OF UTAPAO FOR EMERGENCY WEATHER EVACUATION PURPOSES, BUT IN TERMS OF OVERALL U.S. POLICY EMBASSY FEELS USE OF UTAPAO SHOULD BE AVOIDED IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. NO MATTER WHAT PAINS WE MAY TAKE TO EXPLAIN TEMPORARY EMERGENCY PROCEDURES, LANDING B-52S OR K-135S AT UTAPAO WILL EVOKE INSTANT, SHARP RESPONSES FROM HANOI, MOSCOW AND THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE OF THAILAND AND RUMORS OF GI'S RETURNING WILL BE RECYCLED, WHICH WILL SERVE NEITHER THAILAND'S INTEREST NOR OUR OWN. WE BELIEVE THAT EVEN A SINGLE USE OF UTAPAO WOULD TAKE MONTHS TO LIVE DOWN. HOWEVER, IF CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED EMERGENCY SHOULD DEVELOP IN THE FUTURE AND UTAPAO IS THE ONLY SOLUTION, FACILITY DOES
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